FLOWER SHOW REPORTS

Louisiana Chapter:

The Baton Rouge Men's Garden Club Flower Show was held on October 19, 1958. This is the show at which the Louisiana Chapter members annually exhibit their blossoms. Mr. Moles, the Chapter President, showed about 30 large plants, of many varieties, in 5 gallon cans. All of them had blooms. Some four or more. This was in addition to the individual blooms which were shown in competition according to colors.

Mr. Moles won 7 first prizes, 4 second prizes and 2 thirds. He also took the Tri-color with a Princess Margaret bloom. Several other members won ribbons.

The Hibiscus Section of the show was presided over by Mr. Roy Milde, Vice President of the Louisiana Chapter.

Deland:

Over 840 entries were shown in the Deland Hibiscus show. This was the first show staged by the Deland Chapter. Mrs. W. W. Pollock was General Chairman, Mr. Tommy Viers was in charge of staging and Mr. R. L. Ready was in charge of entries.

Special Award in the Amateur Division was won by Mrs. O. L. King, Vero Beach with a Billie Calais bloom. Special Award in the Commercial Division was won by Mr. Steve Johnson, Orlando with a Ruffled Beauty bloom.

Amateur Sweepstakes was won by Mr. Bill Cutler of St. Petersburg.

Commercial Sweepstakes was won by Mr. Tom Hudson of Daytona Beach.

The Tri-color award went to Tom Hudson's seedling, Rose Marie.

Fort Myers - James E. Hendry Chapter:

Hibiscus by the hundreds presented a bewildering ballet of color at the Fort Myers eighth annual "Know Your Hibiscus" show sponsored by the James E. Hendry Chapter of the AHS.

The judges awarded a tri-color and the James E. Hendry Memorial silver plate to Ralph Philo for his Jimmy John, assayed best in the show.

Two people beamed over the decision -- Philo, who grew the blossom, and Mrs. Owen Craig, show chairman, who developed the superior seedling.

To keep the red, white and blue rosettes in the family, Mrs. Philo walked off with the tri-color for the best artistic arrangement -- orange-red Senorita hibiscus set against swirled and dried sago palm fonds and pods. The sea-swept creation was accented by two Hula figurines whose supple hips followed the curving foliage lines.

Other top awards were given the Trail Nursery for the best commercial grown single, a Mickey D, the best commercial grown double, a Veronica, and the sweepstakes for the most blue ribbons; L. T. King, Vero Beach, best amateur grown single, a Martha Olive Parnell; Harry Goulding, Punta Gorda, best double seedling, a Scott pink; S. I. Echelbarger, best single seedling, yellow-red Ada.

Jacksonville:

Early-bird tactics paid off for an amateur gardener from Fort Myers, R. H. Philo, who won top honors in the show of the Jacksonville Chapter. Since most hibiscus blooms open at sunrise and close at sunset, Philo got up at midnight to pick his flowers, then drove the 280 miles to Jacksonville.

The theme of the show was Rainbow Rythm.

Winners in the amateur division were Mr. R. H. Philo, Fort Myers, best single, "Ambassador;" Mrs. E. Reymonds, Jacksonville, best semi-double, "Pat;" Mr. C. S. McCall, Palatka, best double, "Jack Motes;" Mrs. Zula George, Jacksonville, best seedling.

Commercial winners were Mr. Steve Johnson, Orlando, best single, "Big Wheel;" Mr. & Mrs. John Sparkman, Jacksonville, best semi-double, "White Picardy;" Mrs. W. W. McKnight, Jacksonville, best double, "Crown of Bohemia;" Mr. Tom Hudson, Daytona Beach, best seedling.

Best flower of the show was an "Ambassador" exhibited by Mr. Philo.